



DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL
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Delta Plan Performance Measures Amendment

March 9, 2017, Sacramento

Attendees

Name	Organization
Bob Amrine	Bethel Island Municipal Improvement District
Christina Slope	California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Robert Charney	California Department of Water Resources
Tom Zuckerman	Central Delta Water Agency
Laura Jensen	Delta Conservancy
Ed Manning	KP Public Affairs
Patrick Lewis	O'Laughlin & Paris
Linda Dorn	Regional San
Anna Louzon	Solano County
Becky Starter	n/a

Public Workshops Description

Council staff held a workshop to introduce and elicit public feedback on the discussion draft Delta Plan Performance Measures amendments (PM amendments). The workshop was held on March 9 in Sacramento and was simultaneously webcasted.

The workshop began with an initial introduction and discussion on the development of the PM amendments presented by Council staff. Audience members were provided a document with the proposed PM amendments in track changes. Council staff then provided a chapter-by-chapter overview of the proposed PM amendments, followed by feedback from the audience. Council staff provided responses to clarifying questions. Webinar participants were also invited to provide questions via a BoardHost message board.

Summary of Public Comments

Public feedback from the workshop has been summarized below to highlight key themes and recommendations provided by the workshop participants. Note that this a summary only; it is not an exact transcript each comment that was made. The comments have been organized by the chapters to which they pertain.



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General comments

- Definition of Performance Measures: A workshop participant was concerned about how PM are defined. The participation felt that the current interpretation of PM will impact Table A water.
- Look at impact of surface water allocation on groundwater: One participant stated that in adjudicated basins there is a direct relationship between availability of surface water supplies and the sustainability of a basin. The participant recommended that the PM should consider this.

Chapter 3

- Revise metric for PM 3.4 to provide flexibility to water agencies: A workshop participant suggested an alternative metric for PM 3.4, which was included in a comment letter to the Council. The alternative metric would measure agencies' ability to reduce exports from the Delta in time of emergency or drought. The participant felt that the current metric does not provide water agencies with flexibility and recommended the Council consider a metric that focuses on reducing *future* reliance on the Delta and incentivizes water conservation. The participant also recommended that the Council clearly state if the PM is applicable to specific agencies or the entire project area.
- Revise metric for PM 3.4 to represent a measurable reduction on reliance on Delta water: A workshop participant stated that PM 3.4 needs to represent a measurable reduction on reducing reliance on the Delta and current metric is not appropriate.
- Revise metric for 3.9 to consider the State Water Resource Control Board's process for establishing flows: A workshop participant felt measuring total exports during dry and wet years [as outlined in the metric for PM 3.9] is not appropriate. The participant recommended that the Council consider that the State Water Resources Control Board is currently establishing flows.

Chapter 6

- Update water quality PM with amendments to Delta Plan chapter on water quality: A workshop participant recommended that changes in PM should tie back to the Delta Plan chapter language and recommended that the PM on water quality be updated when the Delta Plan water quality chapter [Chapter 6] is amended.
- Revise metric for PM 6.2 to expand the geographic scope: A workshop participant was concerned that the metric for PM 6.2 regarding salinity is specific only to the Western Delta. The participant felt that salinity issues are problematic



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throughout the Central Valley and recommended that the PM metric be expanded to cover a larger geographic area.

- Reconsider considering specific contaminant values in PM 6.7: A workshop participant was concerned that PM 6.7 includes values in the baseline and metrics for pesticides that have not gone through the regular review processes, such as the State Resource Control Board's process for Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs). The participant recommended that values for pesticides and other contaminants of concerns are properly vetted.

Chapter 7

- Revised PM 7.3 to address protecting local levees: A workshop participant felt that PM 7.3 ignores the sections of the Delta that have local rather federally protected levees. The participants felt that the PM scope should be expanded to address levees beyond the highest priority locations.